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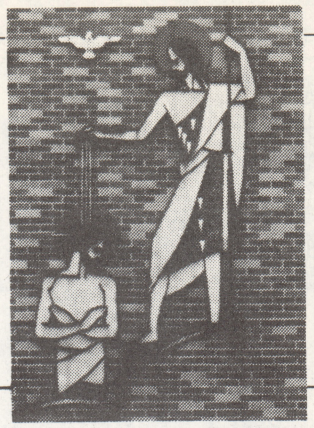


Just a Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

Today has been designated as "State of the Parish" Sunday. That's a nice way of addressing our progress, present needs and hopeful aspirations for multi-dimensional life here at St. John's. Once a year, each of us is asked to reassess our level of commitment to this parish. This parish commitment is viewed mainly from two personal aspects — our commitment of active Christian service and our financial commitment to the material needs of our own community and to those beyond it. Our individual response in both areas can be concrete indicators, but only indicators, of where our hearts concern really lies —with self or with others.

A little story perhaps, helps explain why such a Sunday is necessary for all of us.

A cold wind howled and rain beat down when the telephone rang in a rural doctor's house.

It's my wife," a voice said. "She needs a doctor right away."

"Can you come and get me?" asked the physician. "My car's being repaired."

"What?" came the sputtering reply. "Go out in this weather?"

We all too often expect services, favors, praise and reassurance without ever being ready to give them ourselves. A self-centered life, we know, goes nowhere.

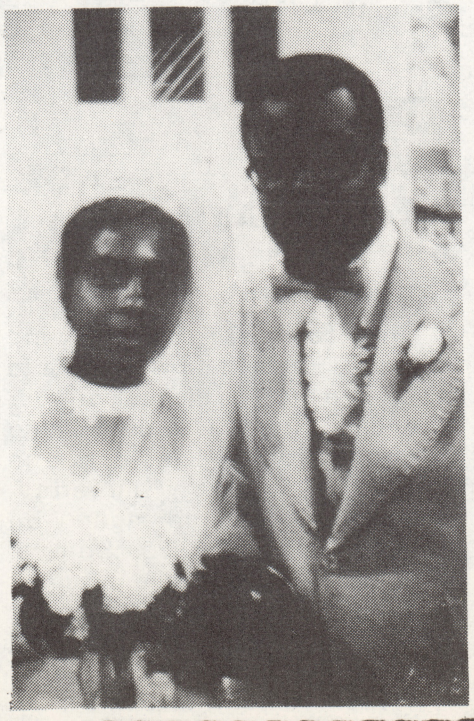
Certainly, most of our lives are not that grossly self-centered. The active support and participation in this parish, especially this past year, proved quite the contrary. Hopefully, even more parishioners will respond to the many needs of our community in the year to come, making a good state of the parish even better.

Registration For Religious Education Classes

...will be this weekend, September 6 & 7 after all Masses to accommodate families who did not register in the spring.

Parish Nuptial

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce M. Walker



On Saturday evening, August 30, 1975, Bruce M. Walker and Ghislaine J. Gilles solemnized their covenant of holy marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

Bruce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Walker of Ypsilanti. Ghislaine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre J. Gilles of Ann Arbor.

Main attendants for the celebration were Luther Brown of Ypsilanti and Alourdes Jean Gilles of Port au Prince, Haiti.

Brothers of the bride served as acolytes. The groom's aunt was lector and Mr. Percy Tooson of Ypsilanti was the organist.

Congratulations, Bruce and Ghislaine!

New Life in Christ

William James Boshears and Angela Marie Boshears, children of Larry and Mary (Jackson) Boshears, 1236 Holmes Rd., Ypsilanti, were welcomed in the community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism, celebrated by Fr. Jerry, on Saturday, August 30, 1975.

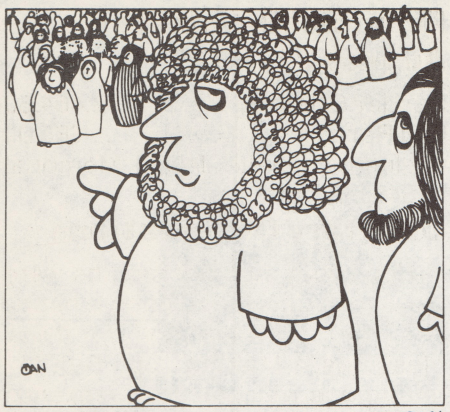
William and Angela's godparents are their grandparents, James and Edna Jackson.

Welcome, William James and Angela Marie, and congratulations, parents.

St. John's Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 28

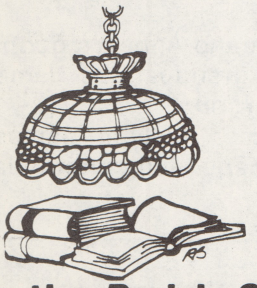
Watch the bulletin for exact times, etc. and mark on your calendar now.



I FIND BRETHREN EASIER TO LOVE IN THE ABSTRACT - UP CLOSE THEY'RE ALL PEOPLE WITH PROBLEMS....

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY: SEPT. 7, 1975

The only trouble is —
The God who is loved didn't stay in the abstract!
He could have been such a comfortable,
philosophical God — easy to worship.
Instead he got involved with people. People with problems.



From the Parish Center;

Parents of Public School Students:

Please schedule this date on your calendar now. Monday evening, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m., there will be a meeting prepared to acquaint you with the staff, philosophy and curriculum for the 1975-76 religious education program at St. John's. Parents of students in grades 2 and 4 will also have their initial meeting for preparation of their children for the sacraments of First Communion and First Penance. All of you whose children are enrolled in classes at the Center are encouraged to take this opportunity to learn more about the scope and sequence of the religious education your children receive here. Plan to be with us in the church hall next week. Alternate meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 16th, 7:30 p.m.

Education Needs

Sisters Anne and Sheila are still hoping that one of you who reads this will find that you are capable and willing to assume responsibility for working as a teacher with a group of fourth grade children who are coming to the Center Wednesday mornings at 11:00-12:15 for class. Please contact us this week at 483-6378.

Encounter Dates Set

Wedding Bells Coming?

How about spending an exciting weekend together talking it over with each other? An **Engaged Encounter** will give you this plus! Do it now! One is planned for September 19-21. See your pastor or call 517-263-4716.

Next Marriage Encounter

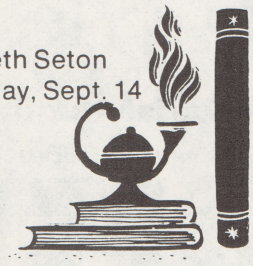
October 3-5, Siena Heights College, Adrian, Michigan. **Contact:** Walt & Ann Stone, 663-8355. **Information:** Lynne & Tony Comazzi, 434-3036.

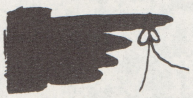
Scripture Readings

Theme: Our support and service of the faith community.

Readings for Sunday, Sept. 7
Ez. 33: 7-9
Rom. 13: 8-10
Mt. 18: 15-20

Mass of St. Elizabeth Seton
Readings for Sunday, Sept. 14
Is. 61: 1-3, 6, 8-9
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 15: 9-17





Attention - All Members of the Worship Commission

The following are some important dates that I would like to make sure that you all mark on your calendars. There will be training sessions for all lectors and commentators on Tuesday, September 16, and again on Monday, September 22. Both of these sessions will take place at 8:00 p.m. in the church. Dr. Gerald Moses will be assisting us in this project.

Also, on Monday, September 29, we will be having our next regular meeting. Fr. James Challancin, from St. John's Seminary in Plymouth, will be addressing us at this meeting. This will be a very informative session, and I hope that all lectors, commentators, lay distributors, musicians, choir members, ushers, sacristans, liturgy planners and anyone else associated with the Worship Commission will be present for this meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fr. Jerry

Letter to the Editor and People of St. John's:

Dear Sister and Parishioners,

I noticed in last Sunday's bulletin that you printed a letter from Mr. Moyer of the Red Cross Blood Bank. In the letter he encouraged parishioners to give blood to help the continuing efforts of the blood program.

I want the people of St. John's to know that even though I had insurance, only half the amount of blood was paid for that way, the rest we would have had to take care of if it had not been for the generosity of those in the parish donating blood. I am forever grateful that St. John's was able to give the other half when I had serious surgery two years ago. This is a very worthwhile cause and I hope that many more of our parishioners will donate this year because their thoughtfulness has been able to help many parishioners through serious times.

Affectionately,
Elsie Paffel

Give: Friday, September 12, Red Cross Center, 2729 Packard Rd., 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Break The News To Our Advertisers That You Saw Their Ad In This Bulletin.

St. Vincent de Paul Report

	July, 1975	Aug.
Transportation	4	4
Hotel	2	1
Meals	1	4
Food Order	8	4
Medicine Purchased	1	0
Insurance Paid	1	0
Baby Diets	1	2
Personal Needs	1	2
Food Stamps		1
Referrals Made	4	2
Families Given Assistance	20	12
Parishioners Aided	2	1
Money Spent	$188.97	$87.85
July Donations	0	$61.89

Canned Foods Received Both Months.

Our Executive St. Vincent de Paul Group thanks all those who remember our charities through donations and canned foods. Without your help, we cannot give help to those in need.

From the Office of Communications

September 7

Oregon's attorney general has ruled that nativity scenes (Christmas) may not be displayed in public schools while classes meet, on the grounds that the schools would thereby be used "to acquire an audience for the Christian religious exhibit, thus implying sponsorship by the school district itself." (NC Reporter)

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"Any religiously affiliated educational organization ... may become an educational broadcast licensee," the Federal Communications Commission unanimously affirmed in response to a petition that it put a freeze on applications by religiously affiliated groups to secure FM and television educational channels. The petitioners asserted that much religious programming was neither sincere nor educational and objected to broadcasts that shut out other views with "24 hours of proselytization." (RNS)

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West Germany: The "anti-Semitic" text of the Oberammergau Passion Play will be replaced for the 1980 performance by a script that blames the crucifixion on the devil rather than on the Jews. The replacement text is drawn from a version written in 1750 by Benedictine priest, Ferdinand Rosner. (RNS)

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Three television networks will carry the canonization of Mother Elizabeth Seton on Sunday, September 14: **CBS:** 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. (Channel 2, 6 and 25); **ABC:** 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. (Channel 7, 12 and 41); **NBC:** 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Channel 4, 5 and)).

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Mass Schedule

MONDAY, September 8 - Nativity of Our Lady
- 7:00 a.m. Joseph Kozikowski, req. by Alex & Virginia Lawrence
- 2:30 p.m. Robert Schrepper, req. by August Schlachter Children (at Parkview Nursing Home)

TUESDAY, September 9 - St. Peter Claver, priest
- 7:00 a.m. Mary Holdridge, req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Ely
- 9:00 a.m. NO MASS
- 10:30 a.m. H. Lenore Draper, req. by Bob & Jackie Lamoreaux; attended by National Council of Catholic Women
- 5:15 p.m. Tonia Torreano, req. by Natalie & Paul Bowyer

WEDNESDAY, September 10 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Margaret Benner, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Conlon
- 9:00 a.m. NO MASS

THURSDAY, September 11 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Michael Blystone, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Knowlton & Karen

FRIDAY, September 12 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Joseph Kozikowski, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Bishop, Cherei & Larry

SATURDAY, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, bishop-doctor
- 9:00 a.m. Mary MacDonald, req. by Bob & Betty Southard
- 5:00 p.m. George H. Williams, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Thorpe

SUNDAY, September 14
- 7:00 a.m. Mary O'Connor, req. by Sue & Judd Hammond
- 9:00 a.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George J. Max
- 11:00 a.m. Karen Remmiere, req. by Vanderpool Family
- 12:30 p.m. Col. Edward Price, req. by the John Williams Family

Financial Barometer August 31, 1975

Sunday Offertory $2,464.50
Hall Renovation $85.00
(Including Lucille Jewell Memorial of $40.00)

Offertory Observations

Hope your summer months were pleasant and your vacation a happy one. Why not "thank God" for those blessings? Making up Sunday offertory envelopes for weekends away would be one way of saying "thanks."

National Council of Catholic Women

All women of this parish are members of the National Council since they are Catholic women. However, only a few have been attending the meetings held four times a year. The meeting this quarter will be held at St. John's on **Tuesday, September 9,** beginning with a 10:30 a.m. Mass, followed by registration and luncheon in the parish hall. Following this there will be a business meeting. Have you always wanted to know what the National Council was about ... what issues are important to them ... what is discussed at their quarterly meetings ... what areas of concern they are helping? Then this is the day to attend since it is being held in our parish. If you are interested in attending, please call Eileen Tardiff at 482-1145 or Dorothy Morgan at 482-1021 to make a reservation for the luncheon. No one will pressure you to attend all meetings. This decision will be left up to each individual woman; however, you can't know if you want to be a part of the organization unless you attend a meeting. We would, hopefully, have a good attendance to show our concern for another parish endeavor.

Wedding Banns

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